

(3) structured and arranged to receive said opposed ends of said reel spool (11).

23. The method according to claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

during a reel spool change situation:

sliding said slidable supporting surface (44) into an initial position in the vicinity of said reeling means (5); and

transferring a new reel spool on to said slidable supporting surface (44).

24. The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of:

during a reel spool change situation:

sliding said supporting surface (44), having a full reel spool supported thereon, along rail members (3); and

rolling said full reel spool from said supporting surface to said rail members.--

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include section headings at appropriate locations and to more clearly set forth the invention.

Claims 1-7 as originally filed have been canceled and new claims 18-24, essentially commensurate in scope with original claims 1-7, are submitted herewith. No new matter has been added.

Claims 8-17 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fee and to more clearly define the claimed invention.

The invention is new, useful and non-obvious


An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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